

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! And just like that, Christmas is over. We've had a short but fun first few days of term; I know everyone's pleased to be back into school routine.

I was deeply saddened to hear of a parent who deliberately blocked the Crescent this week during pick-up. We have over 100 families using this narrow road and we're all part of the same community - please work together to keep the Crescent a safe and friendly space. I'm aware that other road users sometimes don't help and I'm in regular communication with Bishop Stopford School, neighbours, wardens and the local council. We must all do our best.

### **Nursery News**

We have welcomed back our children and added a few new faces. It was lovely to see everyone and to hear tales of Santa's visits. As some of the presents included Police equipment and play resources we have been able to extend this with dressing up uniforms in the role play area and making radios with Lego. A lot of arrests have been made! This week, we have been putting finishing touches to our 'Book Nook'. The area is cosy and enticing for the children to share favourite books and stories. This promotes early literacy and language skills by offering opportunities to develop vocabulary and learn about phonics, print and its meaning.

This term's Parents Meeting is at 7pm Thursday 12th January in the Cedar Hub, we look forward to welcoming all nursery parents to this event to share information and a chance for you to socialise.

### **Clubs Start Next Week**

After School clubs start next week. Some clubs have been split into 2 groups because they were oversubscribed and some have been re-assigned. Please read your club's sheet carefully. Thank you to all the teachers running clubs which are a huge part of the St P experience.

### **It's Not Too Late**

There is one space left for Upper School peripatetic singing lessons during the school day, two spaces for tennis coaching and some space in Dance Club on a Monday after school. All of these are added to your bill; please get in touch with the School Office ASAP if you're interested in your child joining any of the above or you want to find out more.

***For those who missed the reminders in my last Head's Update, the information below may be useful.***

### **Uniform and Parking**

A regular reminder that information about regulation school uniform can be found at <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/Uniform> and can be ordered via ParentMail.

Please also remember parking permits if you're using the restricted bays; forms are available from the School Office.

### **Attendance and Lateness**

School registration is at 8.45am and this is when the main gate is closed. If your child is late and the gate is closed, you must bring your child to the School Office to be registered (school children only). It's important that your child is punctual every day to minimise disruption to the class.

### **Key Dates for Your Diary**

- PTA Meeting - Wednesday 11th January 2023, 4pm
- Nursery Parents Event - 12th January 2023, 7pm
- **Year 5 Class Assembly - Monday 16th January 2023, 10.30am** (Not on original list)

- Share Your Work - Monday 6th February 2023
- Half Term - Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023
- PTA Bingo Night - Friday 24th February 2023
- Year 3 & 4 Class Assembly - Monday 27th February 2023
- World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Red Nose Day - Friday 17th March 2023
- Lent House Matches - Wednesday 22nd March 2023
- Last Day of Lent Term - Wednesday 29th March 2023

### **Governing Board Update**

A message from the Governing Board - *Being a governor of a school is a huge privilege as well as a big responsibility. Governors work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our school remains the fantastic place it is and also to make sure it has a bright future in an ever-evolving world. Sadly, the end of 2022 saw the end of an era as we said goodbye to Mr Edward Lamb as he stepped down from the governing board. Edward was a pupil at the school in its early days, his father was one of the founders who went on to be the Chair of Governors for 36 years! Edward himself has been a governor and Chair of the Finance Committee for over 30 years. We wish him well in his retirement, the school will be forever grateful for your family's contributions.*

*It was also the turn of Mr Stephen Bowers to step down from the Governing Board, following Ann-Marie, his wife, who was on the board until 2021. The Bowers family are a big part of St Peter's School with children attending and both Stephen and Ann-Marie active members of the PTA during their time here. We thank them for their decade of service. Finally, Mrs Helen Marshall has stepped down as a governor but will remain in close contact with the school. She works in local education and has a great wealth of knowledge which she has shared during her time as a governor, specifically her knowledge of Early Years. We know we will see her in the future as her role at Tresham College allows.*

*In 2023, we welcome two new governors to the board, both of whom bring valuable skills and knowledge, as well as a great passion for our school. Many of you may already know Mr Stephen Aldwinckle, former PTA Chair and current parent. We also welcome Mrs Jenny Laskey, former parent, to the board. We'd like to thank them in advance for their commitment to protect and shape St Peter's School for future generations. Happy New Year to the whole school family from the board.*

I'd like to echo the statement above and thank all governors, past, present and future for their support of the school.

Wishing you all a fantastic term ahead. I know that we have many exciting things planned for the children; there will be more dates to be added to your diaries I'm sure!

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

Here is next week's menu: <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu>